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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (currently amended) A guest data management method for a navigation system, comprising the following steps of:

creating a guest database which stores at least information on names and titles of guests and information on destinations associated with the guests where such information is created by a user based on a previous visit to the destination with a guest;

editing the guest database by modifying the information stored in the database or adding new information to the database when the user has visited the destination with or without guest; ~~and~~

retrieving information from the guest database for determining a destination for a travel with one of the guests whose information is stored in the database; and

setting the destination in the navigation system for route guidance based on the information retrieved from the guest database for the next travel with the same guest whose information is stored in the guest database;

wherein the user is a person who uses the navigation system and the guest is a person who is entertained and went to the destination with the user.

2. (currently amended) A The guest data management method as defined in Claim 1, wherein said database includes information as

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to whether a particular guest is pleased or the guest shows favorable opinion on a particular destination.

3. (currently amended) A The guest data management method as defined in Claim 1, wherein said database includes information on a driver of a vehicle used for the travel to the destination.

4. (currently amended) A The guest data management method as defined in Claim 1, wherein said database includes information created by the user based on personal impression of a particular destination acquired when the user visited the destination or evaluation of the destination by the user.

5. (currently amended) A The guest data management method as defined in Claim 1, wherein said database includes information created by the user based on impression or opinion expressed by a particular guest when the user and the guest visited the destination.

6. (currently amended) A The guest data management method as defined in Claim 1, wherein said step of creating the guest database includes a step of storing relevant information through a manual input process made by the user.

7. (currently amended) A The guest data management method as defined in Claim 1, wherein said step of creating the guest database includes a step of automatically storing information available through a normal operation of the navigation system including a name of a destination, address of the destination, and a time and date of visiting the destination.

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8. (currently amended) A The guest data management method as defined in Claim 1, wherein said step of creating the guest database includes a step of storing information available through an extended function of the navigation system including road condition, traffic condition, or weather condition during a travel to a destination when the navigation system includes appropriate sensors or a wireless communication means to acquire information on such conditions.

9. (currently amended) A guest data management apparatus for a navigation system, comprising:

means for creating a guest database which stores at least information on names and titles of guests and information on destinations associated with the guests where such information is created by a user based on a previous visit to the destination with a guest;

means for editing the guest database by modifying the information stored in the database or adding new information to the database when the user has visited the destination with or without guest; ~~and~~

means for retrieving information from the guest database for determining a destination for a travel with one of the guests whose information is stored in the database; and

means for setting the destination in the navigation system for route guidance based on the information retrieved

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from the quest database for the next travel with the same
quest whose information is stored in the quest database;

wherein the user is a person who uses the navigation system and the guest is a person who is entertained and went to the destination with the user.

10. (currently amended) A The guest data management apparatus as defined in Claim 9, wherein said database includes information as to whether a particular guest is pleased or the guest shows favorable opinion on a particular destination.

11. (currently amended) A The guest data management apparatus as defined in Claim 9, wherein said database includes information on a driver of a vehicle used for the travel to the destination.

12. (currently amended) A The guest data management apparatus as defined in Claim 9, wherein said database includes information created by the user based on personal impression of a particular destination acquired when the user visited the destination or evaluation of the destination by the user.

13. (currently amended) A The guest data management apparatus as defined in Claim 9, wherein said database includes information created by the user based on impression or opinion expressed by a particular guest when the user and the guest visited the destination.

14. (currently amended) A The guest data management apparatus as defined in Claim 9, wherein means for creating the guest

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database includes means for storing relevant information through a manual input process made by the user.

15. (currently amended) A The guest data management apparatus as defined in Claim 9, wherein said means for creating the guest database includes means for automatically storing information available through a normal operation of the navigation system including a name of a destination, address of the destination, and a time and date of visiting the destination.

16. (currently amended) A The guest data management apparatus as defined in Claim 9, wherein said means for creating the guest database includes means for storing information available through an extended function of the navigation system including road condition, traffic condition, or weather condition during a travel to a destination when the navigation system includes appropriate sensors or a wireless communication means to acquire information on such conditions.